

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the application to include new claims 52-65. Claims 1-14 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 52-65 are directed to the same subject matter as claims 15-51 and are thus qualified to be examined together with claims 15-51 in a single application. For example, new independent claim 52 and independent claim 15 are both directed towards a method of writing servo frames to tracks of a storage medium using a head having at least a write element, each servo frame including a position field that is used to position a read element of the storage medium over the tracks and a logic field that provides a timing reference for the servo frame, where said position fields and said logic fields of said servo frames providing references for locating data sectors. Similarly, new independent claim 59 and independent claim 51 are both directed towards an apparatus for writing servo frames to tracks of a storage medium, each servo frame including a position field that is used to position a read element of the storage medium over the tracks and a logic field that provides a timing reference for the servo frame, where said position fields and said logic fields of said servo frames providing references for locating data sectors. New claims 53-58 depend upon claim 52 and new claims 60-65 depend upon claim 59. Thus, since all claims 15-65 are directed toward a single invention and the search and examination can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine all claims 15-65 on the merits (See MPEP §803).

CONCLUSION:

Applicant's representative remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this matter. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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